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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CBS' "60 Minutes" on the Seventeen
Names in the Book of Honor

1. On Thursday, 23 June 1977, C/BSD was tasked with contacting the principal family member of each of the 17 names listed in the Memorial Plaque - Book of Honor (list of names attached). The purpose was to inform the families regarding CBS television filming of CIA in preparation for the "60 Minutes" network program. Since it was understood that the film on CIA was to be aired on Sunday, 26 June it was determined that DC/BSD and C/PAB would have to make expeditious telephone contact with the families. Contact information was immediately available on only two of the families since Agency personnel files on the other 15 names were in archives. The compensation claim files seemed to be the most immediate resource for contact information so the names were passed to our contact with [REDACTED]. Within approximately two hours we had obtained from [REDACTED] addresses, and in some cases telephone numbers, on eleven of the families. [REDACTED] records on four of the families had been sent to archives and these records were obtained by Friday morning.

2. In the meantime [REDACTED] (HMAB) was requested to prepare a briefing statement to serve as a guide when talking with the families. This was to insure that the same basic information was passed to all families. A copy of this statement is attached.

3. By late Friday afternoon 12 of the 17 families had been contacted by telephone and briefed. Mailgrams had been sent to four families requesting that they call C/PAB collect. Also, the Office of Security/OPS Support Branch was tasked with assisting us in verifying contact information on several of the families. We received information late Friday afternoon that 10 July was the revised date set by CBS for airing the program. This relieved the necessity of possibly making direct personal contact over the weekend. As a result of the airgrams and assistance from the Office of Security we had made contact with all families by Tuesday 28 June.

4. When contacted the families expressed a sincere interest in being called on this matter and they were very appreciative of our efforts.

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Three years ago the effort to pay special recognition to certain employees who lost their lives while serving the Agency resulted in the installation of a Memorial Plaque which is located in the Main Lobby of the Headquarters Building. The Plaque consists of stars engraved in the marble wall and a Book of Honor listing the names of the people who can be identified with the Agency. The name of your husband (brother, father) is included in this Book.

Last week a CBS film crew was in the building and filmed the stars as well as the Book for the "60 Minutes" ⁷ program. The episode will probably be aired on Sunday night, 26 June, and may include that portion concerning the Memorial Plaque.

We wanted to let you know not only about the memorial but also that his name may appear on TV.